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Examiner: Niki M. Kopsidas
P.D. File No.: 30-3744

In re Application of: IGOR PALLEY ET AL.

Serial No.: 08/533,589

Filed: September 25, 1995

For: BLAST RESISTANT AND BLAST DIRECTING CONTAINERS AND METHOD
OF MAKING

Petersburg, VA 23804
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**RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121**

Sir:

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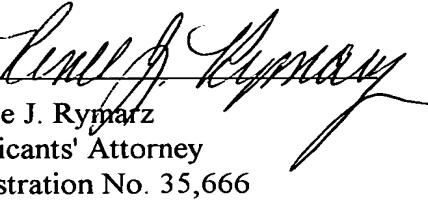
In Paper Number 11 dated September 27, 1996, the Examiner has restricted the claims to two inventions and requested an invention election. Applicants elect without traverse Group I: Claims 1-96, drawn to a blast resistant container. Applicants further elect Species II (Figures 2A - 2C), for prosecution on the merits. Claims readable on Species II include: 1-6, 8-32, 33-36, 37-41, 43-57, and 74-76. The species election is made with traverse; while Applicants agree that there is no single generic claim to all of the species defined by the Examiner, several of the Group I claims are considered to be generic to more than one of the species.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended during the telephone conversation of

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November 5, 1996. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve any outstanding issues regarding these elections.

Respectfully submitted,
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